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SUBJECT: PRESS COMMENT ON US "PLEDGES" TO EGYPT

LEADING CAIRO DAILY AHRAH MARCH 6 CARRIES UNSIGNED EDITORIAL ENTITLED "SIGNIFICANT INDICATIONS OF US ATTITUDE." EDITORIAL STATES THERE IS CONSIDERABLE EVIDENCE THAT USG WILL "NOT GO BACK ON ITS PLEDGES TO EGYPT." IT SAYS ATTEMPTS MADE BY SOME CONGRESSEMN TO REDUCE US SUPPORT FOR THE ARAB STATES AND GO BACK ON ITS COMMITMENTS TO REMOVE TENSION IN THE AREA HAVE MET WITH DEFEAT. THAT THIS SHOULD HAPPEN IN ELECTION YEAR WHEN "HYSTERIA OF SUPPORT FOR ISRAEL REACHES ITS CLIMAX BECAUSE OF PRESSURE OF PRO-ISRAELI GROUPS" IS ESPECIALLY SIGNIFICANT. EDITORIAL CONCLUDES THAT EGYPT'S STRATEGY HAS MUCH TO DO WITH THESE DEVELOPMENTS FOR EGYPT HAS AVOIDED GIVING ISRAEL'S SUPPORTERS AN OPPORTUNITY TO JUSTIFY UNCONDITIONAL US SUPPORT FOR ISRAEL. AS RESULT, "USG COULD WITHOUT EMBARRASSMENT DECLARE ITS READINESS TO SELL ARMS TO EGYPT, KEEP ITS SECRET "PLEDGES," AND INCREASE FINANCIAL SUPPORT."

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